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Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider pertinent to the present application. The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each listed item:

Burnette et al, Science October 1988 disclose various site-specific mutants of the S1 subunit of pertussis toxin having reduced enzyme activity and a conserved protective epitope, according to the instant invention. This article was published after the 03/25/86 priority date of grandparent application 06/843,727, and less than one year prior to the filing date of parent application 07/311,612, which is a CIP of 06/843,727. The authorship of this reference is different from the inventive entity, and it may constitute prior art against certain of the instant claims.

European Patent Application 0 306 318 to Amgen Inc.
discloses recombinant DNA clones encoding the S1 subunit of
Bordetella exotoxin. Genetically engineered embodiments of the
invention result in polypeptides which retain immunogenicity, yet
are free of enzymatic activity associated with toxin
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date of priority application 07/311,612, and does not constitute
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Respectfully submitted;

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